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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

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INVENTION: "LIGHT MODULATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE PICKUP  
APPARATUS, AND DRIVE METHOD THEREOF"

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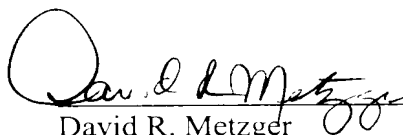
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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Applications Nos. P11-322184 filed November 12, 1999, P11-322185 filed November 12, 1999, P11-322186 filed November 12, 1999, P11-322187 filed November 12, 1999 and P2000-319879 filed October 19, 2000, which applications are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.

Respectfully submitted,



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